

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/584,499
Response to OA dated March 17, 2009

REMARKS

Claim 4 is amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009.

In the Office Action, each of the Claims 1, and 3/1 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 9 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/585,888. Accordingly, attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

In the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to. Accordingly, attached herewith is a replacement Abstract. Removal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Claim 4 has been amended in a manner to overcome the rejection. Removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 2, 3/2, and 5-11 were objected to as being dependent upon a

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rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully defer the rewriting of the claims at this time.

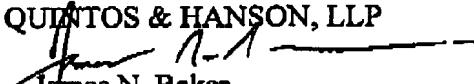
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Claims 1-11, as amended, are believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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